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E.O.11652: GDS  
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SUBJ: THE RENEGOTIATION OF US/EURATOM AGREEMENT

REF: STATE 75083

1. ON MARCH 29 I CONTACTED ELYSEE, FRANCOIS-PONCET, TO  
INQUIRE OF THE STATUS OF FRENCH VIEWS ON THIS ISSUE,  
NOTING THAT THE US NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION ACT WOULD  
PROHIBIT FURTHER EXPORTS OF NUCLEAR FUEL TO EURATOM  
EFFECTIVE APRIL 9 UNLESS THERE WAS AGREEMENT TO  
RENEGOTIATE. FRANCOIS-PONCET SAID THAT HE WOULD TAKE  
ANOTHER LOOK AT THE SITUATION AND CALL ME BACK BUT THAT  
I SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT THIS MATTER HAD AND WOULD  
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RECEIVE THE FULL ATTENTION OF GISCARD AND THAT THE  
CURRENT FRENCH POSITION IN NO WAY WAS A REFLEXION OF  
THERE BEING A LACK OF CLEAR MINISTERIAL AUTHORITY.  
FRANCOIS-PONCET ADDED THAT HIS PRESIDENT HAS THE FEELING  
THAT HE WAS MISLED EARLIER IN THE YEAR AS HE UNDERSTOOD  
THAT THERE WOULD BE NO CHANGES DURING THE LIFE OF  
INFCE. I POINTED OUT THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAW

SPECIFICALLY PERMIT BUSINESS AS USUAL WELL BEYOND THE TWO YEAR PERIOD OF INFCE AND THAT AMBASSADOR SMITH FELT HE HAD BEEN VERY CLEAR DURING THE JUNE AND JULY DISCUSSIONS IN PARIS THAT THERE WOULD BE NO SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE IN PROCEDURES BUT THAT THE LEGISLATION WOULD BE ENACTED AND THAT THERE WOULD BE NEED TO AGREE TO RENEGOTIATION. IN CLOSING I SAID I WOULD LOOK FORWARD TO HIS RETURN CALL.

2. CONTACTS AT ALL LEVELS IN THE MFA AND CEA REFLECT A UNIFORM APPROACH: THAT THE PRESENT FRENCH POSITION FOR THE UPCOMING MINISTERIAL MEETING AT BRUSSELS ON APRIL 4 WILL BE TO VETO AGREEING TO RENEGOTIATION. THERE IS NOTHING OFFERED ON FRENCH ACTION BEYOND THAT POINT. WE ASSUME THIS WOULD FORCE THE ISSUE TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE HEADS OF STATE MEETING ON APRIL 7-8.

3. I BELIEVE WE HAVE PLACED THE RIGHT QUESTION IN THE RIGHT PLACE AND WE SHOULD AWAIT FRANCOIS-PONCET'S RESPONSE. WHILE THE FRENCH HAVE DISAGREEMENTS WITH THE US NUCLEAR POLICIES WHICH ARE WELL KNOWN IN WASHINGTON AND WHILE THEY MAY NOW HAVE YET ANOTHER SITUATION IN WHICH THEY MUST SAY YES TO A US REQUEST, IT MAY BE THAT THE FRENCH VIEW THIS OPPORTUNITY AS AN APPROPRIATE OCCASION TO SEEK ADJUSTMENTS IN THE NUCLEAR SECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY, E.G. PUSHING ITS PARTNERS TOWARD A MORE CONFIDENTIAL

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